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SRI S. B. ADITYAN : From the answer given by the Hon. Minister, it is evident that there are some newspapers in Madras which never implemented the decision of the Wage Board and never paid wages as ordered by the Wage Board, particularly *Janasakthi*. What action did the Government take against such newspapers?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : The question has become academic because the decision of the Wage Board has been cancelled.

Water resources

* 203-*K Q*.—SRI K. SATTANATHA KARAYALAR : Will the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government are conducting experiments to arrest evaporation loss in the use of water resources and in tanks; and

(*b*) if so, the details of the same?

THE HON. SRI P. KAKKAN : (*a*) Yes, Sir.

(*b*) After the irrigation season a chemical known as ' Hexadecanol ' will be sprayed with the aid of floats and experiments conducted in Sengarai tank in Chingleput district, while another tank, namely, the Uthukottai tank in the same distrct will be kept as control tank without treatment. All inflows and outflows into the two tanks will be measured and the losses in the two tanks due to evaporation will be derived. A comparative study of the observations in the two tanks will indicate the reduction in loss by evaporation due to application of Hexadecanol.

10-00 a.m. MR. SPEAKER : It is now 10 o'clock. I will allow one supplementary on question No. 203-M. The rest of the questions together with answers will be printed in the official proceedings.

SRI M. A. MUTHIA CHETTIAR : The questions relating to textile mills at least may be taken up, Sir. They are very important.

HON. MEMBERS : They may be taken up tomorrow.

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : We may take ten more minutes and finish the rest of the questions.

MR. SPEAKER : If it is the desire of the House, I have no objection to allow ten more minutes for the rest of the questions. Because the House refused to give yesterday extra time for unfinished questions, I said the answers might be printed in the official proceedings.

SRI N. K. Palanisami may put his supplementary on question No. 203-M.

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SRI N. K. PALANISAMI : இந்தப் பரிசோதனைகள் வெற்றியடைந் திருக்கின்றனவா ? அப்படியானால், தொடர்ந்து மேற்கொண்டு பல இடங் களில் இந்தப் பரிசோதனைகளைச் செய்ய சர்க்கார் முன்வருமா ?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : இப்போது பரிசோதனைகள் தான் நடத்திக்கொண்டிருக்கிறோம். பின்னர் தான் ஒரு முடிவிற்கு வர முடியும்.

Textiles

* 203-N *Q*.—SRI N. K. PALANISAMI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have constituted any committee for Coimbatore and Madurai consisting of representatives of mill owners, workers and officials to find out concrete solutions to arrest the slump in the textile market;

(*b*) whether the committees have submitted any proposals; and

(*c*) if so, the details thereof?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : (*a*) A Committee has been constituted for the Coimbatore area with the Collector of Coimbatore as Chairman to discuss problems relating to textile industry. As regards Madurai area, Government have decided that there is no need to constitute such a committee.

(*b*) & (*c*) No proposals have so far been received by the Government.

* 203-O *Q*.—SRI K. SATTANATHA KARAYALAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any of the textile mills have stopped working a third shift due to accumulation of stocks;

(*b*) if so, how many workers are affected thereby; and

(*c*) whether the Government are aware that the Mill managements intend to have partial or total closure in the coming months?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : (*a*) Yes, Sir. Rukmani Mills, Silaiman, Madurai district and Vasantha Mills, Singanallur, Coimbatore district, have stopped working a third shift.

(*b*) About 730.

(*c*) The Government understand that about five mills have got such a proposal.

SRI N. K. PALANISAMI: மில்கள் மூடப்படுவதையும் ஷிப்டுகள் மூடப் படுவதையும் தடுக்க சர்க்கார் என்னென்ன நடவடிக்கைகள் எடுத்திருக்கி றார்கள் ?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN: இந்தப் பிரச்னையை நன்ருகப் பரி சீலனை செய்வதற்காகத்தான் முக்கூட்டுக் கமிட்டி போன்ற ஒரு கமிட்டியை கோயமுத்தூர் ஜில்லாவிற்குப் போட்டிருக்கிறோம். மில் தொழிலாளர்க ளின் பிரதிநிதிகளும் மில் முதலாளிகளின் பிரதிநிதிகளும் சந்தித்து, மில்கள் மூடப்படுவதைத் தவிர்க்க என்னென்ன முயற்சிகள் செய்யவேண்டு மென்று கலந்தாலோசித்து ஆலோசனைகள் கூறவேண்டுமென்று அக்கமிட்டியிடம் சொல்லியிருக்கிறோம். இது ஒரு மிகவும் முக்கியமான